

Sinclair stations use public airwaves free of charge, and are required by law to serve the public interest. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election does not serve the public interest and is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

When large companies control the airwaves, the bottom line is the primary consideration, and not what is good for our democracy. Instead of something nationally produced at "News Central", it's more important that we see people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's partisan actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.